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#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In conjunction with the divisional patent application filed herewith, please amend prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/358,039 filed July 20, 1999 in the name of the instant applicant as follows:

## In the Specification:

On page 1, line 1, insert the paragraph as follows:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/358,039 filed on 7/20/99 (pending), which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/944,226 filed on 10/6/97 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,964,708 issued October 12, 1999); the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

## In the Claims:

Delete, without prejudice, claims 1-31 and 68-100.

#### REMARKS

Allowance of claims 32-67, as now presented, is believed to be in order and such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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